Amendments to the Abstract

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- A television production system (300) affords simplification over the automation of a television program such as a news program by making use of State Memory Objects (S-MEMs), each defining one or more operations for execution by one or more production devices. The S-MEMS serve to control one or more actuators on a control panel (302) so that each actuator on the control panel can control different function of different pieces of production equipment depending on the S-MEM selected.--